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Jubilee 350 Boston

JUBILEE 350/GREAT CITIES OF THE WORLD
INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF MAYORS
SEPTEMBER 22-27, 1980

FACT SHEET

In September, 1980, Boston will host a special week-long assembly of mayors, architects and urban planners, cultural and educational leaders, and business leaders of other major cities of the world which share common attributes and interests -- cities with ports, cities with renowned cultural institutions, cities with recent and imaginative revitalization; such as pedestrianized zones and re-cycling of historic buildings. The purpose of the Conference is to celebrate cities and focus on creative urban programs as well as to emphasize that Boston is indeed an international city. To our knowledge, this is the first such conference ever held. We expect that Mayors and city delegations will welcome the opportunity to meet each other; to present their successful projects and learn of other cities' problems and solutions; to enjoy the hospitality of such prestigious institutions as Harvard, M.I.T., the Kennedy Library, the Boston Symphony and Museum of Fine Arts; to promote business relations, including trade and tourism; and to enjoy a very special occasion.

Participants will be invited from the following (tentative) list of cities:

1. London
2. Paris
3. Rome
4. Amsterdam
5. Copenhagen
6. Stockholm
7. Hamburg
8. Istanbul
9. Athens
10. Split or Zagreb, Yugoslavia
11. Strasbourg (Boston's Sister City)
12. Dublin
13. Geneva
14. Barcelona

15. Jerusalem
16. Alexandria
17. Nairobi
18. Dakar, Senegal
19. Tunis

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20. Leningrad
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22. Warsaw

23. Shanghai
24. Kyoto (Boston's Sister City)
25. Hong Kong
26. Singapore
27. Sydney
28. Bombay

29. Rio (Brazil)
30. Caracas (Venezuela)
31. Buenos Aires (Argentina)
32. Bogota (Colombia)
33. Mexico City
34. Montreal
35. Lima (Peru)

36. Baltimore
37. San Francisco
38. San Juan
39. Chicago
40. New Orleans
41. New York
42. Washington, D.C.

It is anticipated that approximately 25 cities will be represented at the Conference.

Activities scheduled will be panel discussions, tours, and receptions, allowing a wide variety of Boston organizations and individuals to meet with the Great Cities delegations. Among the planned daytime activities are seminars, workshops and similar forums for the discussion of contemporary urban problems and their solutions. This aspect of the program is being developed by such institutions as the Harvard Graduate School of Design, the Kennedy School of Government, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Urban Studies and Planning, M.I.T.'s Department of Architecture, Boston University's Center for African Studies and the Boston Architectural Center. Other local universities and colleges are expected to participate as well.

Local cultural, business, and international institutions will host special receptions for the visiting delegations during the evening hours. The Boston Symphony Orchestra will host the Great Cities delegations on the first evening (Monday, September 22) with cocktails and dinner on the B.S.O. stage, followed by a chamber music concert; invited guests will be Boston's cultural institutions. The First National Bank of Boston will invite the Boston business community to meet the Great Cities delegations for reception and dinner on the

second evening, and the new John F. Kennedy Library will host the delegations and educational and governmental leaders on the third evening. Other activities are being planned, including visits to Boston's cultural institutions and a special dinner for each participating city by the appropriate Boston institution.

Other activities will include tours of Boston's Waterfront, Downtown Crossing, Theater District, re-cycled historic buildings and areas, housing, health, and urban renewal projects, and historic and cultural attractions. Great Cities delegations will provide their own travelling costs but will be the guests of the City of Boston during their stay for the Jubilee 350 Great Cities of the World Conference.